

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 27-46 are pending in the application, with claims 27 and 37 being the independent claims. Claim 1 is sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 27-46 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

***Double Patenting***

Claim 1 stands rejected under a statutory type double patenting rejection as allegedly claiming the same invention as that of claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,720,894. Without acquiescing to the merits of this rejection, Applicants have cancelled claim 1 rendering the statutory type double patenting rejection moot.

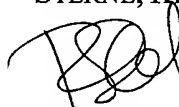
***Conclusion***

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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